



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1634
PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09138.0006-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
H. STENDER et al.) Group Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 09/544,934) Examiner: J. Fredman
Filed: April 7, 2000)
For: NOVEL PROBES FOR THE)
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action of June 6, 2003, the period for reply having been extended to November 6, 2003, by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows: